




Boston
Tuesday 3^d June 1853

Dear Deborah

We expected
May, Emma & Anne, in
town to-day, but Anne being
a little poorly they did not come
but sent this box instead ^{to go to you}. Lucia had
to go to Groton at 4 o'clock yesterday morn'g, with
Dr. F. who dined here Sunday. Henry
is no better, but I think feels
sensibly. Warren is at Cohasset. Anne the
little, goes to school out at our back
door under the church, to a Miss Lothrop
who once went to school to Caroline. Anne
Lenny is very poorly. Collins looks like
to die I think. But as at present sit-
uated, I can do nothing to help him.
Little Henry is one of Mr Thayer's pre-
parations. No news in town. James
Gibbons we expect next Sunday. Warren
is to sail in Steamer Saturday. I am
going to take a night to get

a quantity of letters ready
for England upon Lib. 

Bill grounds. What is before
us we know not in particular,
but what little force we can put
forth in the team must be done
though we drop in the harness.

We shall start the fair shortly.

I am sorry it is desperate still
that I can't make a letter.

I suppose I should put up some-
thing if I were out much, but
I only have time to go to the
market. shop. His present symptoms

are, pain in the limbs - short-
exactly short & laboured breathing
bad cough & expectoration of yellow
thick insoluble phlegm - chills fever.
A perspiration alternately - great
weakness. He can ride to Weymouth,
but can hardly walk to Chancery
place, & gets up stairs with difficulty.
The tube we got from N York

It forgets him to use, so there
can be no trial of that. It
seems to me as if, were there
any sores on his lungs, it ^{would} be
indicated by the expectoration.

He thinks he is in a consump-
tion, but why he must of neces-
sity be in one I cannot see.

There seems no reason why he
shouldn't get well & if it were
a hopeful person I should think
he would. As it is, I have only
to endeavor not to despond.

The weather is very bad
here - never worse it seems to
me. Sorry I can't tell
you any thing.

aff. yours
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